(3) and (4) These do not arise now in view of the answer to part (1).

*Refusal of Tickets of admission to the Press Room and Legislative Council to Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi.*

74. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi, reporter to the *Samadarsi*, the *Pauraprabha* and the *Trivandrum Daily News*, was denied a ticket of admission to the Press Room attached to the Huzur Office and a Press ticket for admission to the Legislative Council?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government have full discretion in the matter of issuing tickets of admission to the Press Room and the Legislative Council Hall. They regret they cannot disclose the reasons for not issuing tickets to Mr. Ramachandran Tampi.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether a ticket of admission to the reporter mentioned was allowed during the last sitting of the Council ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Therefore is it with regard to this particular person that the ticket of admission was disallowed ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, it was so.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Therefore, may I know whether the discretion used in giving tickets of admission is with regard to a particular individual ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I suppose it is clear from the answer already given.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is because it was Mr. Ramachandran Tampi that the ticket of admission was disallowed ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I can't pursue the matter further. I have already given the answer .

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know in what way the matter weighed with the Government ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government are not prepared to disclose their reasons. That is stated in the answer.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Are the reasons of a confidential nature ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether it is the result of a private quarrel between the Government and the individual concerned that the ticket was refused ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have said that the reasons are of a confidential nature.



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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether they are of a private or public nature?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They must be necessarily of such a nature as weighed with the Government, whether private or public.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): There is no answer to my question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is all the answer I can give.

*Refusal of admission ticket to Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi for the Press Room and the Legislative Council.*

75. MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a card of admission to the Press Room and Enquiry Office attached to the Huzur Secretariat was refused to Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi, reporter to the *Samadarsi* and *Pauraprabha*, and, if so, why it was refused; and

(*b*) whether a press ticket for admission to the last meeting of the Legislative Council was refused to be issued in the name of Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi as representative of the *Samadarsi*, and if so, the reason for such refusal?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 74 by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

*Publication of information re prices of Export Products.*

76. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Have the Government any idea of furnishing to the people in rural parts information regarding the current prices of the agricultural products of this country intended for foreign markets otherwise than through the *Government Gazette*?

(2) Have they any objection to publishing this information by means of notices put up in the Pakuthi Cutcherries, in schools, or in Anchal Offices, so as to attract the attention of the rural population?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) It is not practicable to communicate the daily fluctuations in prices in the way suggested by the member.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Have the Government any objection to publish the information which is published in the *Gazette*, in the Pakuthi Cutcherries and the schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will be too late and it will not be of any use to the public.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will it be of any use to publish it in the *Gazette*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Practically it will not be of much use to the public. It is for the information of the heads of departments for purposes of contracts and things like that.

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